

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of U.S. Energy)	Application No. NG-0018
Services, Inc. Wayzata,)	
Minnesota, for authority as a)	APPLICATION GRANTED
competitive natural gas provider)	
in the state of Nebraska.)	Entered: April 14, 2004

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed February 13, 2004, U.S. Energy Services, Inc. (US Energy), seeks authority as a competitive natural gas provider in the state of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 23, 2004.

Because no protests or petitions for intervention were filed, the Commission finds that this application may be properly processed pursuant to Commission Rules of Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 1, Rule 018.3.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1848 to 66-1849 (2003 Supp.). Section 66-1849 provides in part:

The commission shall certify all competitive natural gas providers and aggregators providing natural gas services. In an application for certification, a competitive natural gas provider or aggregator shall reasonably demonstrate managerial, technical, and financial capability sufficient to obtain and deliver the services such provider or aggregator proposes to offer. The commission may establish reasonable conditions or restrictions on the certificate at the time of issuance.

US Energy is authorized to do business in Nebraska, and provided a copy of its Nebraska Certificate of Incorporation. In its application, US Energy states that it is a subchapter "S" corporation organized under the laws of Minnesota and does not have any affiliates engaged in competitive natural gas services. Furthermore, US Energy has never had any legal action or formal complaints pertaining to the provision of competitive natural gas services filed against the company, nor has it had a license or certificate to supply competitive natural gas services revoked, denied or withdrawn.

In support of its application, US Energy submitted a copy of its financial statement, which is subject to the protective order entered in this docket.

In addition, US Energy submitted the statements of operational capability detailing the educational and professional background of US Energy personnel. US Energy does not currently have any residential customers, nor does it expect to have any residential customers in the future. US Energy further submitted an affidavit verifying the content of its application.

Commission Staff Accountant Steve Stovall submitted an affidavit attesting that the financial statements submitted provide evidence of adequate financial resources necessary to obtain and deliver the services the applicant proposes to offer.

The Commission finds that the application of US Energy should be granted, and that US Energy should be issued a certificate of authority as a competitive natural gas provider.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the application is hereby granted.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of April, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director